

**PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012
6:15 P.M.**

The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street.

President Sue Otte called the meeting to order. Members present were: Aaron Gurley, James Zachery, Will St. John and Dave Malson. Paul Barada Jr. was absent. Also present were: Attorney Tracy Newhouse, Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Pool Manager Rita Kaster and Mayor Mike Pavey.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of June 12th was presented for approval. Zachery made a motion to approve June 12th minutes. Gurley seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Claims Approval: Malson and St. John reviewed claims prior to meeting. Malson made a motion to approve the claims for the month. St. John seconded the motion. Motion carried. Claims approved for the month.

Mayors Report: Pavey updated the board on a few things. Working on where the creek goes under the street between Jackson and Sexton Street on 10th Street. Putting in a 60 inch line putting back the way it was. Putting up gates for the spill over. It will be concrete gray with a Military theme.

Looking into a Mini Learn program in the park.

Thanked everyone involved in the baseball tourney. It was a big hit. Was neat to see Rushville host this event.

Parks Director's Report: Mathews stated he applied for a grant through the Rush County Community Foundation for a little under \$3,000 to resurface the park trails. The Street Department has a paver and we will be saving money by letting them resurface the trail. To resurface the whole trail by a contractor would run \$33,000. We are getting it done through the Street Department for \$13,000.

Mathews stated he was very gracious for the RCCF donation and for Sharpe's help in putting this grant together.

Relay for Life is July 20th. Sprucing up the park for this big event. This is one of his favorite programs.

Reported that Brian Sheehan has volunteered his services to paint the restrooms.

Reports from Other Committees and Boards:

- 1) Rita Kaster – Swimming Pool Update** – Kaster reported that 37 have signed up for swim lessons that will be starting next Monday for two weeks.

There will be a Water Fitness class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at a cost of \$4.00 a class. The instructor gets \$2.00 and the City gets \$2.00. They have been having 10-14 participants.

25 Pool parties have been scheduled this year with 17 left to take place.

All is going well.

Tonya Campbell is also talking to kids about nutrition.

On the 4th of July, pool opened from 12:00 to 4:00 with 130 swimmers. Best 4th of July ever. Great turnout. Weather hot, we were packed.

Great lifeguards, great staff. Kaster is pleased with all of them.

She has been getting a lot of compliments this year on how clean the pool is.

Has several big groups coming to pool this year.

Concessions have been great.

Been feeding 20-30 kids with the State's free lunch program.

Sharpe reported she had a Christian Work camper at her house last week and they loved the pool and was talking about how clean the showers were.

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Mathews stated he has had a request for Family Swim Night. Kaster said she will implement this if we want her to.

Annual Horseshoe Tournament – Mathews requested a \$500 donation be approved. This event is held the end of August, first of September. It’s called the Bob Sheppard Memorial and brings lots of people to town.

Malson made a motion to approve the \$500 donation to the Bob Sheppard Memorial Horseshoe Tournament which will be taken out of Non Reverting Special Events. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reported there is a Gospel Sing in the planning for Saturday, September 8th and is looking forward to that.

- 2) James Zachery – Fitness Initiative Team (FIT)** - At this point this group is concentrating on Walk-A-Bouts. The Mayor has lead two Walk-A-Bouts now. This group is utilizing the parks. Walks coming up are a Lion Walk and a Back to School Walk.

Unfinished Business:

Aaron Gurley – Parks Patrol – Small group of walkers has logged 20 hours. We are getting less number of calls and less damage in the parks which is the purpose of the group.

He has very few members in this group but they are very dedicated.

Gurley thanked the Park Patrol and their dedication.

We need to recruit more volunteers. He hopes to train more people over the winter months.

Otte discussed Police Chief Tuckers email and just wanted to acknowledge in the minutes about park evictions. In order for a child to get back in to the park once evicted they must come before the Parks Board. To date no one has requested to come before the Parks Board.

New Business: None at this time.

Items not known in advance:

Otte read a Thank You note from Officer Cale Worley from the Rushville Police Department.

Thanks for allowing 5th grade D.A.R.E. graduates to use the pool on June 16th. The day was a big success.

Mathews stated the new solar lights for the City of Rushville signs are in and will be installed. A couple are already up.

Sharpe reported that Saturday, July 14th is the Shades of Blue Concert with Cee Cee James and Off the Wagon performing.

Saturday, July 21st is the John Waite Concert.

Sharpe urged all board members to attend and stated our attendance this year has been great.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

SUE OTTE, PRESIDENT

PAUL BARADA SR., VICE PRESIDENT

DAVE MALSON, MEMBER

WILL ST. JOHN, MEMBER

AARON GURLEY, MEMBER

JAMES ZACHERY, MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY